AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-11.   (cancelled)

12.   (previously presented) A method of administering a transfer of electronic data to a data storage device, the method comprising:

coupling a first computer to a second computer through a network;

administering the transfer of electronic data to the data storage device;

transferring an electronic message from the first computer to indicate that the transfer of electronic data is complete;

transmitting an electronic signal recognizable by the second computer from the first computer to the second computer to operatively couple the first and second computers;

terminating the transfer of electronic data and decoupling the first and second computers, if the electronic signal is not recognized; and

recording the termination of the transfer of electronic data and the decoupling of the first and second computers.

13.   (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the network includes the Internet.

14-16. (cancelled)

17.   (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the data storage device is an automatic transfer library operatively coupled to the second computer.

18.   (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the automatic transfer library is operatively coupled to the first computer.

19.   (original) The method of claim 12, further comprising identifying a problem in the transfer of electronic data.

20. (original) The method of claim 19, further comprising remotely repairing the problem.

21. (original) The method of claim 19, further comprising notifying a local administrator to repair the problem.

22-31. (cancelled)

32. (currently amended) ~~The system of claim 27,~~

A system for remotely monitoring over a network a data back-up process associated with a remote computer and a storage device operatively coupled to the remote computer, the system comprising:

a network computer having a network connection to couple the network computer to a network;

the network computer being programmed to:

receive an electronic message sent over the network by the remote computer, wherein the message indicates that the remote computer is prepared to start a data back-up process;

send an electronic message to the remote computer to instruct the remote computer to start the data back-up process;

monitor the data back-up process being performed by the remote computer; and

send a message indicating a status of the back-up process;

wherein the network computer is programmed to instruct the remote computer to start the back-up process using data stored on the remote computer.